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**Biden applauds New Jersey for joining Delaware's dredging lawsuit**

**Wilmington, DE** – The State of New Jersey has decided to join in the lawsuit Attorney General Joseph R. Biden, III, filed recently in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware to halt the Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") from dredging the Delaware River.

"New Jersey's decision demonstrates its shared commitment with Delaware to protect the territorial integrity of our states and our natural resources," Attorney General Biden stated. "I applaud New Jersey's swift action in this case and look forward to working with Attorney General Anne Milgram to ensure that the Corps follows state and federal law."

On October 30, 2009, Attorney General Biden filed a complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief to order the Corps to comply with Delaware law prior to dredging in Delaware waters. The Attorney General's lawsuit requests that the court declare that the Corps' decision to deepen Delaware waters violates state and federal law and issue a preliminary injunction to halt the Corps' dredging activities until the Corps obtains the required Delaware permits and certifications.

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